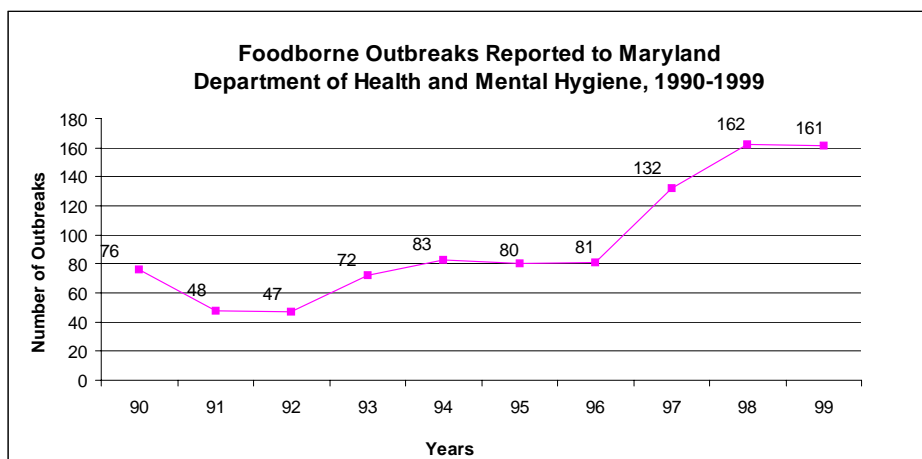


Healthcare facility-acquired, or nosocomial, infections (including Legionnaire's disease); zoonotic diseases (including Lyme Disease and West Nile virus), which develop when there is contact between humans and disease carrying animals; foodborne illnesses; and tuberculosis occur at varying rates throughout Maryland. Altogether, preventable infectious diseases in Maryland result in increased morbidity, mortality, and associated healthcare costs in addition to other costs that total millions of dollars each year.



Source: Maryland Outbreak Database. Division of Outbreak Investigation, EDCP, DHMH.

### Topics, by jurisdiction, included in the Health Improvement Plan

**Statewide** - *Vaccine Preventable Diseases, Prevention of Infections Acquired within Healthcare Facilities, Preventing Diseases Spread by Animals and Insects, Reducing and Controlling Foodborne Illness, and Preventing Tuberculosis*

**Washington County** - *Reduction of Mortality Associated with Influenza and Pneumonia*

### Priority focus in other jurisdictions

*Infectious Diseases* is also identified as a priority area for FY2000 in:

Anne Arundel County • Prince George's County • Worcester County

### Highlights of HIP strategies recommended to decrease infectious diseases:

(for in-depth details, see the complete text of each state and county module in the HIP)

- Increase immunization coverage (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella) among children. (State)
- Increase influenza and pneumococcal immunization coverage among adults. (State and Washington County)
- Reduce cases of Lyme Disease and tuberculosis. (State)
- Reduce the number of foodborne outbreaks. (State)

## Statewide Partners

AIDS Administration, DHMH • American Lung Association (Maryland affiliate) • The Annie E. Casey Foundation • Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.: Greater Baltimore Chapter, Delmarva Chapter, and Metro Washington, D.C. Chapter • Baltimore Medical Systems, Inc. • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention • Choptank Community Health System, Inc. • Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center • Epidemiology and Disease Control Program, DHMH • Greater Baden Medical Services, Inc. • Howard Community College • Johns Hopkins University • Maryland Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics • Maryland Chapter of American Academy of Family Practitioners • Maryland Department of Agriculture • Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), Infection Control Professionals • Maryland Department of Natural Resources • Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services • Maryland Governor's Commission on Migratory and Seasonal Farm Labor • Maryland Hospital Association • Maryland Immunization Partnership • Maryland Local Health Departments • Maryland Office of New Americans (MONA) • Maryland Partnership for Prevention • Maryland State Board of Education • Maryland State Department of Education • Maryland Thoracic Society • Maryland Tuberculosis Elimination Committee • MedChi—the Maryland State Medical Society • Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) • National Jewish Medical and Research Center for Respiratory Disease • New Jersey Medical School, National Tuberculosis Center • Restaurant Association of Maryland • Scientific Work Group to Study Legionella Bacteria in Water Systems • Telemon Corporation • Three Lower Counties Community Services • University of Maryland, Baltimore

